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A WORD TO THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON.

The board of registration on Saturday concluded their labors in the Second ward, and yesterday the registration commenced in the Third ward at the office of the post commissioners, on K street near Ninth, remaining there until the close of the week.

We have earnestly commended to every citizen of Washington the duty of registering his name, and at this stage of our national campaign to evince by his acts the interest he feels in securing a thorough reform in the administration of corporation affairs. With us it is no longer a question of local politics, but one in which every citizen is deeply interested. The ratification of the Fifteenth amendment has removed forever all prejudice on account of race and color, and those who heretofore have classed themselves among the "old citizens" have now discovered that our colored citizens cannot be hoodwinked, and are quite as zealous as any in our midst in bringing about the desired and most needed change.

Now we appeal to property-holders, to merchants, clerks, mechanics, laboring men, to one and all entitled to register in the Third ward, or in any other ward in the city, not to allow the work of the board to close until they have been numbered among those entitled to vote at the ensuing June election. It is true we have no voice in the election of a President, members of Congress, or in selecting a Governor, but we have in choosing a Mayor and members of the City Council, through whom the tax general and special are levied. If this is not enough to arouse the community to a keen sense of their duty, what in the world do the citizens of Washington need to stimulate them in exercising a right which, in the present condition of our municipal affairs, their honor and self-preservation demands they should exercise.

If representative men would only take a lively, active interest in all that concerns our city, our country, for it would find that the masses would rally to their support. What better evidence do they need than has already been evinced in the First ward, where the majority of the voters have arrayed themselves under the banner of reform. In fact has not every ward in the city demonstrated the necessity for united, concerted action in securing the reform most needed. Yet, it is something more than a name, something more than shallow pretension that has aroused the people, and now what remains to be done is to secure by a glorious triumph the work already so abundantly commenced. How can this be done, and how will its influence be continued throughout the administration of the successful candidate, whether in the Mayoralty or in the City Council?

If men of character, men of standing in society, whose purity of life entitles them to respect, would but attend the primary meetings and caucuses, giving their advice to the parties with which they act, it would be impossible for unworthy men to obtain nominations, or if they were nominated they could not be elected. There is always one way, every man of business knows, to do work well, and that is to do it himself. Our local affairs have heretofore been carried on too much by proxy. It seems to be regarded as a safe course, aside from every-day business, to take part in primary meetings, and so no one is more to be blamed than the apathetic citizens of Washington for our present financial condition.

The establishment of rings and cliques to control nominations naturally grows out of this arrangement. They may be composed of unscrupulous men; but somebody must do the work, and it is left by the best to the worst. If the good men will not do this, the bad will; and when they do, they are sure to consult their own advantage in their arrangements.

Cans those who complain of bad management blame it only but themselves. Is it not the fault of their own neglect, and will they not be culpable if this state of things is continued? Why should our citizens be so much engrossed, or so indifferent as to permit this state of things to continue? We cannot eat, drink or sleep by proxy, but we allow our municipal affairs to be carried on in this way.

Washington during the past two years has been shamefully misgoverned, and now the remedy is at hand, and let those who complain begin at once the work of redressing our city from its present rulers. We are one community, peculiarly isolated under our present form of government, and the interests of the merchant, the property holder, the mechanic and the laborer are identical. What will benefit one, benefits all, and what operates injuriously to the capitalists, affects equally those dependent upon them for work.

We proudly refer to the action of the honest-investigating voters of the western ward of the city, who are laboring unceasingly to promote a better feeling among their fellow-citizens. They are determined, and so are the good citizens of every ward, to perfect a municipal reform.

We urge that in the selection of delegates to the nominating convention, primary elections should be held in every ward in the city, and that the polls be as strictly watched as at the regular election of nominees. Then all that is required is the co-operation of every voter interested in the good work, and the victory achieved will redound to the honor of the capital of the nation, and place Washington foremost among the municipalities of the United States.

THE SEVENTH WARD ALIVE.—Two calls to Republicans of the Seventh ward to assemble at Island Hall appear in our advertising columns to-day—the one for a mass meeting on Tuesday night, the other, more restricted, on Wednesday night. We trust good counsels will prevail in these meetings and that no antagonism will be engendered between them. That a majority of the Republican voters in this ward are opposed to the re-election of Mayor Bowen is manifest, and if the opposition to his nomination is concentrated there is no doubt of its success. If on the contrary divided counsels prevail, and prominent Republicans in the ward disagree as to candidates so radically that they cannot be brought to a compromise and unite, there is great danger that the efforts of both will be neutralized, and the objects they most desire to accomplish defeated. Let no Emory device be so impracticable as to demand him as the candidate if the majority favor Bowen or any other gentleman as against Bowen.

Nothing should hinder the free and full expression of the wishes of a majority of those who favor a change in the men who control the city government, and if a majority declare for Emory, let all unite upon him, but if another man be their choice we hope the good common sense of the Republicans of this ward, as of the others, will induce them to unite upon him.

We are quite sure Mr. Emory is honest and hand with good Republicans, and if they think he is not the most available candidate, it will be his pleasure to throw the weight of his great personal and political popularity in favor of such a candidate.

MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON CITY BRANCH OF THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

On Monday evening, April 25, a second public meeting of this body is to be held. The first meeting, held in the Metropolitan Methodist church, was addressed by able preachers from New York and by prominent representatives of the United States Government. The design of the alliance formed some years ago is to exert a moral influence by the combined interposition of Christians of all denominations in securing religious toleration throughout the world, and in promoting the spirit of Christian brotherhood among all bearing the Christian name. Annual meetings of great interest have been held in different countries of Europe, at which American representatives have been present. Next September that annual meeting is to be held in New York, and a large delegation from England, France and Germany is expected. The meeting of Monday night next is designed to call together the Washington public and prepare them for a visit from the foreign delegates next autumn. The great influence already exerted by the alliance in securing religious toleration throughout Europe and Western Asia, from Powers where this privilege did not before exist, gives it in this respect a value. More than this, it is believed that a comparison of views with European Christian workers and their observation of American Christianity may have a happy influence on both hosts and guests.

New Advertisements.

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Corner of Tenth and Pennsylvania streets, northwest.

Reference—See Dr. F. Hill, Dr. A. G. Gillette, Rev. Dr. Parker, Dr. Goldfarb,

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